

Vergil LEGAMUS A Transitional Reader

BASIC VOCABULARY

Words on this list are words that appear frequently in Catullus. The list has been compiled using the word frequency list on the Perseus web page, with additions made of words that are very basic to Latin but that may not appear that often in Catullus' poems.

Words on this list are not glossed for the individual poems. Words not appearing on this list will be given opposite the text of a poem or in conjunction with an exercise as a "Wordbank."

A

ā, ab prep. + abl. away from
ac *see atque*
ad prep. + acc. to, toward
adsum, adesse, adfuī to be present
agō, -ere, ēgī, actum to drive, do
aliquis, aliquid pron. someone, something (after *si, nisi, num, and nē*, written as *quis, quid*)
alius, alia, aliud other, another
amīca, -ae, f. girlfriend, mistress
amīcus, -ī, m. friend
amō, -āre to like, love
amor, -ōris, m. love
animus, -ī, m. mind, thought, spirit
aqua, -ae, f. water
at conj. but
atque or **ac** conj. and, and also
audiō, -īre, -īvī, -ītum to hear
auris, -is, f. ear
aurum, -ī, n. gold
aut conj. or
aut . . . aut either . . . or

B

bellus, -a, -um beautiful
bene adv. well
bonus, -a, -um good

C

candidus, -a, -um shining, bright, dazzling
caput, capitis, n. head
cārus, -a, -um dear, expensive
Catullus, -ī, m. Catullus

cēna, -ae, f. dinner
coniunx, coniugis, f. or **m.** spouse, wife, husband
corpus, corporis, n. body
crēdō, -ere, crēdidī, crēditum to entrust; (w. dat.) to believe
cum conj. when
cum prep. + abl. with
cūr adv. why?
currō, -ere, cucurrī, cursum to run

D

dē prep. + abl. down from; about
dea, -ae, f. goddess
deus, -ī, m. god
dīcō, -ere, dīxī, dictum to speak, say
dīēs, -ēī, m. day
dīvus -a, -um divine
dō, dare, dedī, datum to give
domina, -ae, f. mistress, lover
domus, -ūs or -ī, f. house
dormiō, -īre, -īvī, -ītum to sleep
dūcō, -ere, dūxī, ductum to lead
dulcis, -e sweet
dum conj. while

E

ē, ex prep. + abl. out of
ego pron. I
eō, ire, īī or īvī to go
et conj. and
ex *see ē*

F

fābula, -ae, f. story
faciō, -ere, fēcī, factum to do, make
factum, -ī, n. deed
fēmina, -ae, f. woman
ferō, ferre, tulī, lātum to bear, carry, endure
fīō, fierī, factus sum (semi-deponent) to happen, occur, to be done
flamma, -ae, f. flame
flōs, flōris, m. flower

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fortis, -e brave, strong
fortūna, -ae, f. fortune, Fate
forum, -ī, n. forum
frāter, -tris, m. brother
fugiō, -ere, fūgī to flee
fundō, -ere, fūdī, fūsum to pour, bring forth

H

habeō, -ēre, habuī to have
hic, **haec**, **hoc** pron. or adj. this
hīc adv. here
homō, **hominis**, m. or f. person, mortal, man
hūc adv. hither, to this place

I

iam adv. now, already
ille, **illa**, **illud** pron. or adj. that
illīc adv. there
in prep + abl. in, on, upon; prep. + acc. into, onto
inter prep. + acc between, among
ipse, **ipsa**, **ipsum** himself, herself, itself; very. Thus: vir ipse, "the very man," "the man himself"
īrātus, -a, -um angry

is, **ea**, **id** pron. he, she, it; adj. this, that
iste, **ista**, **istud** that (of yours), that despicable

L

laetus, -a, -um happy
legō, -ere, lēgī, lectum to read; choose, gather
Lesbia, -ae, f. Lesbia
levis, -e light, slight; fickle
liber, librī, m. book
libet, -ēre, libuit (impersonal) it is pleasing
lingua, -ae, f. tongue
longus, -a, -um long, tall
lūmen, lūminis, n. light

M

magis adv. more
magnus, -a, -um big, great
malus, -a, -um bad
maneō, -ēre, mānsī, mānsum to remain, last, stay
māter, -tris, f. mother
maximus, -a, -um (superlative of **magnus**) biggest, greatest
mēns, mentis, f. mind
meus, -a, -um my
mille (indeclinable adj.) a thousand
miser, **miser**, **miserum** wretched, unhappy, heartsick, lovesick

mittō, -ere, mīsī, missum to send
modo adv. only, just
modus, -ī, m. measure, manner
mollis, -is, -e soft
multus, -a, -um much, many
mūnus, -eris, n. service, function, duty

N

nam conj. for
nascor, **nascī**, **nātus sum** to be born, spring forth
nē conj. that not, lest
nec *see* **neque**
nesse (indeclinable adj.) necessary
nēmō, -inis, m. or f. no one, nobody
neque conj. and not, nor
nesciō, -īre, -īvī, -ītum to not know, be ignorant
nihil (indeclinable), n. nothing
nisi conj. if not, unless
nōlō, **nōlle**, **nōluī** to be unwilling; **nōlī** + infinitive = "Don't..."
nōn adv. not
nōs pron. we, us
noscō, -ere, **nōvī**, **nōtum** to come to know; (in perfect) to know
nostr, -tra, -trum our
nōvī *see* **noscō**
novus, -a, -um new, fresh, recent
nox, noctis, f. night
nūllus, -a, -um no, none
nunc adv. now

O

ō interj. oh!
oculus, -ī, m. eye
omnis, -e all, every
optō, -āre to choose, wish for
ōs, **ōris**, n. mouth

P

parēns, -ntis, m. or f. parent
pāreō, -ēre, -uī, -itum to appear to; to obey
parō, -āre to prepare, make ready
pars, **partis**, f. part, portion, share **ex parte meā** for my part
pater, -tris, m. father
pectus, **pectoris**, n. chest, bosom
per prep. + acc. through
pēs, **pedis**, m. foot
plūs adv. more
plūs, **plūris** (comparative of **multus**) more
poēta, -ae, m. poet
possum, **posse**, **potuī** to be able
potis or **pote** (indeclinable adj.) able, possible
prīmus, -a, -um first

puella, -ae, f. girl, in Catullus, esp., girlfriend
puer, -ī, m. boy; slave
pulcher, -chra, -chrum (also **pulcer**) pretty, beautiful
putō, -āre to think, reckon

Q

quālis, -e what sort of, what kind of
quam adv. how, how much; (with superlatives) as . . . as possible
quantus, -a, -um (interrog. or exclamatory adj.) how, how great, how much. **quantum** + gen. "how much"
quārē adv. how, why
-que conj. and (attached to the end of a word)
quī, quae, quod who, what
quis, quid interrog. pron. who? what?
quisquam, quicquam anyone, anything
quō adv. (interrog.) Where? To where?
quod conj. because
quoque adv. also, too

R

reddō, -ere, reddidī, redditum to give back, repay
rēs, reī, f. thing, business, matter at hand
respondeō, -ēre, respondī, respōnsum to respond, answer
rēx, rēgis, m. king
rīdeō, -ēre, rīsī, to laugh, smile
rogō, -āre to ask, ask for, inquire

S

saepe adv. often
salvē (pl. **salvēte**) hello! greetings!
sciō, -īre, -īvī, -itum to know, understand
scrībō, -ere, scrīpsī, scrīptum to write
sed conj. but
sedeō, -ēre, sēdī, sessum to sit
semper adv. always
sērō adv. late
sī conj. if
sīc adv. thus, so
simul adv. together, at the same time
simul atque as soon as
sinō, -ere, sīvī, situm to allow
sīve conj. or if **sīve . . . sīve** whether . . . or
sōl, sōlis, m. sun; by metonymy, "day"
soleō, -ēre, solitus sum to be accustomed to, to be in the habit of (commonly with infinitive)
sōlum adv. only; **nōn sōlum . . . sed** not only . . . but
sōlus, -a, -um lone, sole, solitary, alone
spectō, -āre to look at, watch
sub prep. + abl. beneath, below, at the foot of; + acc. to a position underneath
sum, esse, fuī, futūrum to be, exist

suus, -a, -um his own, her own, its own, their own, etc. (3rd person only, translate to accommodate the subject)

T

taceō, -ēre, -uī, -itum to be silent, quiet
talis, -is, -e of such a kind, so **talis . . . qualis** such . . . as
tam adv. to such an extent, so,
tamen adv. nevertheless, yet, still,
tantum adv. so greatly, so much, to such a degree
tantus, -a, -um so great, so big
tempus, -oris, n. time, season
teneō, -ēre, -uī, tentum to hold, grasp
tōtus, -a, -um whole, entire, all
tū pron. you (sing.)
tum adv. then, at that time
tuus, -a, -um your (sing.)

U

ubī interrog. adv. where, when
unda, -ae, f. wave
ūnus, -a, -um one
urbs, urbis, f. city, the city of Rome
ut conj. in order that (purpose), that (result); as (in examples)

V

veniō, -īre, vēnī, ventum to come
Venus, -eris, f. Venus
verbum, -ī, n. word
vērūm adv. truly
vērus, -a, -um true, real
videō, -ēre, vīdī, vīsum to see; in the passive: to seem or appear
vīlla, -ae, f. country home, villa
vir, virī, m. man, husband
virgō, -inis, f. virgin, young woman, maiden
vīta, -ae, f. life
volō, velle, voluī to wish, want to
vult 3rd pers. sing. of **volō**